

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :  
Yoshihito KAWAMURA et al. : **Mail Stop: PCT**  
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HIGH STRENGTH AND HIGH  
TOUGHNESS MAGNESIUM ALLOY AND  
METHOD OF PRODUCING THE SAME  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Kindly amend the above-identified application as follows: